(c) the details of the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to prevent the recurrence of such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) According to information received from the Government of Assam, Shri Gritchenko Sergei was kidnapped by ULFA militants on 1-7-91 and later killed.

(b) On 3-7-91, the ULFA through a Press Release demanded release of six hard-core ULFA militants by 6 p.m. on 9-7-91 in exchange of release of Shri Gritchenko and another kidnapped official. On 8-7-91, the Chief Minister, Assam announced his decision to release the six hard-core militants over AIR and Doordarshan and they were actually released at 5.00 P.M. on 9-7-91.

(c) The State Government have intensified the security arrangements to prevent recurrence of such incidents and all help is being given to them.

Joint Meeting of Officers of India and Bangladesh

1283. SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a joint meeting of Officers of India and Bangladesh was held recently at Udaipur in South Tripura;

(b) if so, the details thereof?

(c) whether measures to check the continuous intrusion from across the border also figured in the talks;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Officers of India and Bangladesh also discussed the matter regarding repair of the poles along the border; and

(f) if so, the time by which the repair work is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Yes, Sir, a joint meeting of the officials of India and Bangladesh was held at Udaipur in South Tripura.

(b) The above mentioned meeting was held on February 18, 1991 at the level of District Magistrate, South Tripura (India) and Deputy Commissioner, Khagrachari (Bangladesh) to discuss the modalities of the repatriation of Chakma refugees to Bangladesh. Little progress was made as the representatives of Chakma refugees expressed their inability to return to Bangladesh in view of the conditions there being unsuitable for their return and the non-fulfilment of their demands.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

Production of Steel

1284. SHRI HARI KEWAL PRASAD: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the annual production of steel in the country during 1990-91;

(b) the quantity of steel being imported annually;

(c) whether the Government propose to formulate any scheme to increase the production of steel; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) The production of finished steel during the year 1990-91 was 13.4 million tonnes.

(b) About 1.5 million tonnes of steel is being imported annually.

(c) and (d) The steps taken for increasing steel production include:

Modernisation of steel plant and improved maintenance of plant

and equipment for achieving increased productivity.

Monitoring of supply of inputs, particularly coal and power, to the steel plants for ensuring uninterrupted production.

Increase in captive power generation.

Adoption of better technological and manpower discipline in SAIL plants.

Delicensing of the steel sector, with certain conditions where substantial foreign exchange is involved, so as to allow establishment of new plants in the private sector.

Oilseed Productions

1286. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of oilseeds produced in Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Gujarat during 1990-91;

(b) the extent to which these States meet the total requirement of the country;

(c) the scheme proposed to be formulated for increasing oilseeds production in these States during 1991-92; and

(d) the financial assistance proposed to be provided therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b) The final estimates of oilseeds for 1990-91 are yet to be received from some of the States. However, as per the present assessment, the production of nine oilseeds in Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Gujarat during 1990-91 is expected to be around 29.8, 25.0 and 20.8 lakh tonnes respectively. The production in these States contributed 39.6% of the overall expected production of about 191 lakh tonnes at total nine oilseeds in the country.

(c) and (d) A Centrally Sponsored Scheme viz. Oilseeds Production Programme (OPP) is already in operation in the States of Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat to supplement the efforts of State Governments in increasing oilseeds production during 1991-92. The financial allocations made during 1991-92 under the above scheme are as follows:

(*Rs. lakh*)

State	*Central share*	*State share*	*Total*
Madhya Pradesh	558.50	173.50	732.00
Rajasthan	461.70	151.60	613.30
Gujarat	601.75	177.25	779.00

Assistance to Gujarat for Narmada Sugar Project

1287. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURES be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of assistance provided to Gujarat by the Union Government for the implementation of the Narmada Sagar Project during 1989-90 and 1990-91; and

(b) the details of work completed on the Project so far?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) Central assistance is given to the State as block